AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph number [0225] with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 9 shows one aspect of a biodegradable stent 21 for treating [0225] vulnerable plaques or target tissue of a patient comprising at least two zones, wherein a first supporting zone 22A, 22B comprises at least a portion of continuous circumference (indicated by item 25) of the stent 21, the supporting zone being made of a first biodegradable material 24; and a second therapeutic zone 23 made of a second biodegradable material 26. In another aspect of the invention, the biodegradation rate (BR2) of the second biodegradable material 26 of the biodegradable stent 21 is equal to or faster than the biodegradation rate (BR1) of the first biodegradable material 24. In a particular embodiment, the first biodegradable material and/or the second biodegradable material is a shape memory polymer. The character "I" in FIG. 9 shows the interface.

The marked-up version of paragraph [0225] is shown below for reference.

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